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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Janet A. HALLIDAY, et al. ART UNIT: 1615  
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FOR: Water-Swellable Polymers

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2008, the Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this case in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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